(c) The Human Development Report 1999 published by the United Nations Development Programme status that 71% of the population of India in 1999 does not have access to sanitation.

Social audit of projects under NREGA

1750. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that low wages were found to be a major concern during social audit of projects under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA);

whether a big fraud by Sarpanch was unearthed who tried to maintain silence on the day of Gram Sabha;

whether it is also a fact that at two work sites about 425 false names were filled by the Sarpanch; and

if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRASEKHAR SAHU): (a)No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No such instances have been reported to the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) Does not arise.

Making NREG Scheme allocation based

1751. SHRIMATI N.R DURGA: Will Ae Minister ofRURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the Government has taken a decision in principal to extend National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREG) to all districts of the country;

if so, the details thereof; and

why cannot the Government think of making NREG Scheme as allocation-based scheme from the present demand-based scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to extend NREGA to all the remaining rural districts in the country with effect from 1.4.2008. A notification to this effect was issued on 28.9.2007.

(b) A list of 266 districts to \^ich the Scheme has been extended with effect from 1.4.2008 is given at statement *(See* below).

(b) The NREG Act guarantees at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year of eviiry rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled mannual work. In the